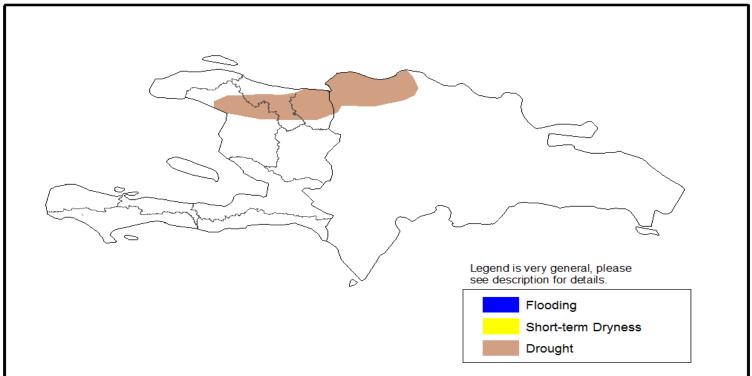






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 5 – January 11, 2012

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During the past week, little to no precipitation was recorded across most of Hispaniola. The heaviest rain (10-15 mm) was observed across localized areas in northern Haiti and northeastern Dominican Republic. Elsewhere, less than 5 mm of rain was observed. Thirty-day rainfall deficits remain substantial (50-100 mm) across Hispaniola with localized areas in Haiti receiving less than 25 percent of their normal precipitation. Locations in northern Hispaniola have been experiencing a prolonged dryness due to a poor ending of summer rains and below-average rainfall during December. The dryness will likely negatively affect winter cropping in pastoral and agro-pastoral areas across northern Hispaniola. For the next seven days, models forecast moderate rain (10-20 mm) across north and northeastern Hispaniola which should provide some relief from dry conditions. However, little to no precipitation (< 10 mm) is forecast across central and southern Haiti during the next week.